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1. Regarding Soviet requirements of twist drills, [redacted] that Soviet emphasis on procurement of this type of drill stems not only from the fact that these drills are used throughout metal working, tool manufacturing and other industries, but also from the fact that the Soviet Union manufactures only small twist drills, sizes one to five millimeters. Twist drills, sizes five through 50 millimeters, which require special chrome-vanadium and high-speed steels, are not being produced in the USSR.

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2. Over a period of time, [redacted] that almost all of the twist drills, sizes one through 20 millimeters, which the Soviets have purchased in Austria, through or from USIA, have been shipped directly to the Soviet Union rather than to Satellite countries.

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